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SUBJ: OLOF PALME VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA

1. SUMMARY: DURING HIS THREE-DAY VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA PM PALME MET WITH PRESIDENT TITO AND NUMEROUS HIGH GOVERNMENT AND PARTY OFFICIALS. NOTHING CONCRETE RESULTED FROM THESE MEETINGS, WHICH SEEMED MAINLY EXERCISES IN MUTUAL ADULATION. VISIT ACCORDED UNUSUALLY INTENSE MEDIA PLAY, INCLUDING TANJUG INTERVIEW OF PALME RELEASED MAR 15, AND MAR 17 TITO INTERVIEW FOR SWEDISH TV.

2. SWEDISH PM OLOF PALME VISITED YUGOSLAVIA MAR 16-18, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS CHEF DE CABINET, LARS BERQUIST, AND MFA OFFICIALS ANDERS THURNBORG AND PIERRE SCHORI. PALME MET WITH PREMIER DZEMAL BIJEDIC ON ARRIVAL DAY, PRESIDENT TITO AND PRESIDENCY MEMBER EDVARD KARDELJ MAR 17, AND LCY EXCOMM HEAD STANE DOLANC AND SERBIAN PREMIER DUSAN CKREBIC MAR 18. PALME WAS ALSO GUEST AT OFFICIAL DINNERS BY BIJEDIC (16TH) AND TITO (17TH) AND MAR 18 VISITED A BELGRADE BALL BEARING FACTORY "TO GET ACQUAINTED DIRECTLY WITH THE SYSTEM OF SELF-MANAGEMENT IN YUGOSLAVIA" (TANJUG).

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3. DINNER TOASTS WERE EFFUSIVE, STRESSING THAT YUGOSLAVIA AND SWEDEN

HELD IDENTICAL VIEWS ON NONALIGNMENT (MORE ACTIVITY NEEDED), CSCE
(QUICK CONCLUSION), VIETNAM (OUT WITH U.S.), MID EAST
(PALESTINIAN ASPIRATIONS JUST), LDC'S (MORE ECONOMIC POWER), AND
RAW MATERIALS (CARTELS OK). TITO INSISTED ON CALLING PALME
"DEAR COMRADE", AND IN TV INTERVIEW URGED YUGOSLAV GUEST WORKERS
IN SWEDEN TO "WORK THERE AS THEY DID AT HOME." PALME HAILED
YUGOSLAV SOCIETY FOR THE "RADICAL AND DARING SOLUTIONS WHICH IT
APPLIES TO ITS PROBLEMS", AND SAID THAT IN THE SELF-MANAGEMENT
FIELD SWEDEN HAD MUCH TO LEARN FROM YUGOSLAVIA.

4. NO COMMUNIQUE HAS BEEN ISSUED, AND SWEDISH EMBASSY SAYS THIS
IS IN ACCORD WITH SWEDISH PRACTICE.
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